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Letter dated 15 September 1998 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the decisions taken by the General Assembly at the 3rd plenary meeting of its fifty-third session pertaining to the allocation of items to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee).

I wish to draw your attention to the recommendations on the organization of the session contained in section II of the report of the General Committee (A/53/250). Those recommendations were approved by the General Assembly, also at its 3rd plenary meeting.

May I also draw your attention to paragraph 45 of section IV and to the relevant part of paragraph 59, section V of the report concerning the agenda of the Main Committees.

I earnestly request your cooperation in these matters.

(*Signed*) Didier **Opertti**

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Annex

Allocation of items to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

1. Effects of atomic radiation (item 81).
2. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space (item 82).
3. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (item 83).
4. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories (item 84).
5. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects (item 85).

   [The General Assembly decided that, in the light of paragraph 2 of resolution 52/69 of 10 December 1997, the commemorative meeting to mark the fiftieth anniversary of United Nations peacekeeping should be held on Tuesday, 6 October 1998, in the morning.]
6. Questions relating to information (item 86).
7. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations (item 87).
8. Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories (item 88).
9. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations (item 89).
10. Report of the Economic and Social Council [chapter VIII (section D)] (item 12).
11. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories (item 90).
12. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (item 18).

    [The General Assembly decided to refer to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) chapters of the report of the Special Committee (A/53/23) relating to specific Territories so that the Assembly might deal in plenary meeting with the question of the implementation of the Declaration as a whole.]
13. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) (item 49).

    [The General Assembly decided that the item should be considered directly in plenary meeting, on the understanding that bodies and individuals having an interest in the question would be heard in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in conjunction with the consideration of the item in plenary meeting.]